

What is claimed is:

1. A questionnaire analysis system comprising:
means for inputting a questionnaire statement including free
reply description in natural language;
- 5 a network for transmitting a questionnaire reply statement,
a database for accumulating said questionnaire reply
statements transmitted through said network; and
a text classification engine for reading out said questionnaire
reply statements from said database and for learning a rule for
10 classifying said questionnaire reply statement.
2. A questionnaire analysis system comprising:
means for inputting a questionnaire statement including free
reply description in natural language;
- 15 a database for accumulating said questionnaire reply
statement; and
a text classification engine for reading out said questionnaire
reply statement from said database and for learning a rule for
classifying said questionnaire reply statement.
3. A questionnaire analysis system comprising:
- 20 means for inputting a questionnaire statement including free
reply description in natural language;
- a network for transmitting said questionnaire reply
statement;
- a database for accumulating said questionnaire reply
25 statement transmitted through said network;
- a text classification engine for reading out said questionnaire
reply statement from said database and for learning a rule for
classifying said questionnaire reply statement; and
means for distributing said rule through said network

according to a request from a claimant.

4. The questionnaire analysis system according to claim 1, wherein said text classification engine includes:

morpheme analysis means for analyzing morphemes in all
5 sentences in said questionnaire reply statement accumulated in said database;

category-text designating means for designating said category and text;

attribute selecting means for selecting attributes in plural
10 questionnaire reply statements being read out from said database;

rule learning means for learning said rule for expressing said correspondence of text and category on the basis of said words selected by attributes by said attribute selecting means; and

15 rule output means for issuing said rule learned by said rule learning means.

5. The questionnaire analysis system according to claim 2, wherein said text classification engine includes:

morpheme analysis means for analyzing morphemes in all
20 sentences in said questionnaire reply statement accumulated in said database;

category-text designating means for designating said category and text;

attribute selecting means for selecting attributes in plural
25 questionnaire reply statements being read out from said database;

rule learning means for learning said rule for expressing said correspondence of text and category on the basis of said words selected by attributes by said attribute selecting means; and

rule output means for issuing said rule learned by said rule learning means.

6. The questionnaire analysis system according to claim 3, wherein said text classification engine includes:

- 5 morpheme analysis means for analyzing morphemes in all sentences in said questionnaire reply statement accumulated in said database;

category-text designating means for designating said category and text;

- 10 attribute selecting means for selecting attributes in plural questionnaire reply statements being read out from said database;

rule learning means for learning said rule for expressing said correspondence of text and category on the basis of said words

- 15 selected by attributes by said attribute selecting means; and

rule output means for issuing said rule learned by said rule learning means.

7. The questionnaire analysis system according to claim 4, wherein said attribute selecting means computes a difference
20 $\Delta SC(\omega)$ between a stochastic complexity (SC) of a test set without consideration of appearance of word and a stochastic complexity (SC) of a text set with consideration thereof, in each word ω appearing in said text, and then selects said difference $\Delta SC(\omega)$ as an attribute when said difference $\Delta SC(\omega)$ is larger
25 than said threshold τ .

8. The questionnaire analysis system according to claim 5, wherein said attribute selecting means computes a difference $\Delta SC(\omega)$ between a stochastic complexity (SC) of a test set without consideration of appearance of word and a stochastic

complexity (SC) of a text set with consideration thereof, in each word ω appearing in said text, and then selects said difference $\Delta SC(\omega)$ as an attribute when said difference $\Delta SC(\omega)$ is larger than said threshold τ .

- 5 9. The questionnaire analysis system according to claim 6, wherein said attribute selecting means computes a difference $\Delta SC(\omega)$ between a stochastic complexity (SC) of a test set without consideration of appearance of word and a stochastic complexity (SC) of a text set with consideration thereof, in each
- 10 word ω appearing in said text, and then selects said difference $\Delta SC(\omega)$ as an attribute when said difference $\Delta SC(\omega)$ is larger than said threshold τ .

10. The questionnaire analysis system according to claim 4, wherein said rule learning means:

- 15 forms said text set by replacing with an expression of $(d_1, c_1), (d_2, c_2), \dots, (d_m, c_m)$ [where each d_i is a multi-valued discrete vector $d_i = (\omega_{i1}, \omega_{i2}, \dots, \omega_{in})$ ($i = 1, \dots, m$), ω_{ij} is 1 when word obtained by attribute selection ω_j ($j = 1, \dots, n$) appears in said i -th text, or 0 otherwise, c_i expresses said value (label) of said
- 20 category according to said i -th text and each c_i is 1 when belonging to a specific category, or 0 otherwise, and m is said number of texts];

- selects said rules of if-then-else format and sequentially adds said selected rules to said stochastic decision list by employing
- 25 said information quantity standard such as said extended stochastic complexity (SC) minimum principle or SC minimizing principle; and

removes said rules one by one from said last one of said stochastic decision list, and clips continuously until none should

be removed from said viewpoint of said extended SC minimum principle.

11. The questionnaire analysis system according to claim 5, wherein said rule learning means:

- 5 forms said text set by replacing with an expression of $(d_1, c_1), (d_2, c_2), \dots, (d_m, c_m)$ [where each d_i is a multi-valued discrete vector $d_i = (\omega_{i1}, \omega_{i2}, \dots, \omega_{in})$ ($i = 1, \dots, m$), ω_{ij} is 1 when word obtained by attribute selection ω_j ($j = 1, \dots, n$) appears in said i -th text, or 0 otherwise, c_i expresses said value (label) of said
- 10 category according to said i -th text and each c_i is 1 when belonging to a specific category, or 0 otherwise, and m is said number of texts];

- selects said rules of if-then-else format and sequentially adds said selected rules to said stochastic decision list by employing
- 15 said information quantity standard such as said extended stochastic complexity (SC) minimum principle or SC minimizing principle; and

- removes said rules one by one from said last one of said stochastic decision list, and clips continuously until none should
- 20 be removed from said viewpoint of said extended SC minimum principle.

12. The questionnaire analysis system according to claim 6, wherein said rule learning means:

- forms said text set by replacing with an expression of $(d_1, c_1),$
- 25 $(d_2, c_2), \dots, (d_m, c_m)$ [where each d_i is a multi-valued discrete vector $d_i = (\omega_{i1}, \omega_{i2}, \dots, \omega_{in})$ ($i = 1, \dots, m$), ω_{ij} is 1 when word obtained by attribute selection ω_j ($j = 1, \dots, n$) appears in said i -th text, or 0 otherwise, c_i expresses said value (label) of said category according to said i -th text and each c_i is 1 when

belonging to a specific category, or 0 otherwise, and m is said number of texts];

selects said rules of if-then-else format and sequentially adds said selected rules to said stochastic decision list by employing
5 said information quantity standard such as said extended stochastic complexity (SC) minimum principle or SC minimizing principle; and

removes said rules one by one from said last one of said stochastic decision list, and clips continuously until none should
10 be removed from said viewpoint of said extended SC minimum principle.

13. A computer program product for analyzing questionnaire reply which comprises:

a morpheme analysis procedure for analyzing morphemes in
15 all sentences in said questionnaire reply statements accumulated in a database;

a category-text designating procedure for designating said category and text in said text classification engine;

an attribute selecting procedure for selecting attributes in
20 plural questionnaire reply statements being read out from said database;

a rule learning means for learning said rule for expressing said correspondence of text and category on said basis of said words selected by attributes by said attribute selecting
25 procedute; and

a rule output procedure for issuing said rule learned by said rule learning procedure.